



MNPD NEWSLINE

THE OFFICIAL EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER OF THE MNPD

November 16, 2007

News from the Chief

Our precinct-based undercover detectives (Crime Suppression Units) are doing absolutely outstanding work during 2007 and I want to take this opportunity to update you on their efforts. Through October, arrests by CSU components total 4,296 (a 12% increase over last year); gun seizures total 346 (a 36% increase over last year); cocaine seizures total 85 pounds (an 80% increase over last year); and marijuana seizures total 1,416 pounds (a 63% increase over last year). CSU sergeants at the six precincts, Brink Fidler, Steve Brady, Gene Donegan, David Slessinger, Chuck Rutzky, and Randy Brock, along with their teams, are committed to attacking drug and other illegal activity impacting neighborhoods. I am very grateful for their efforts.

The overtime Quality of Life enforcement that has been taking place since mid-June has resulted in charges against 245 individuals. Those 245 people, according to their histories, have been arrested by Metro Police 8,289 times on 12,974 charges, resulting in 5,547 convictions (an average of 33.8 arrests and 22.6 convictions per individual). Central and West Precinct officers have done an outstanding job in their efforts to deter public drunkenness, aggressive panhandling, etc. Unfortunately, these officers frequently encounter the same persons time and again.

To all the men and women of the Metropolitan Police Department, wherever you work, thank you very much for your dedication and service to Nashville's families and businesses. My wife, Jill, and I wish each of you a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

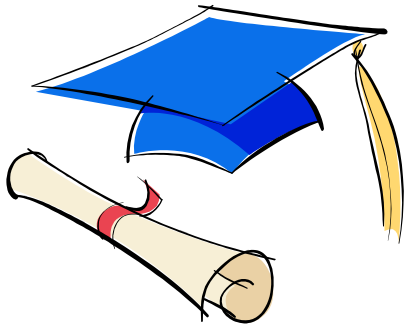
Happenings



Members of Session 56 in defensive tactics / handcuffing training.



Session 55 participating in Civil Disturbance training.



**Session 55 Graduation Ceremonies
Monday, December 3
6 p.m. at Woodson Chapel Church of Christ
5800 Edmondson Pike**

1st Annual Law Enforcement Talent Showcase host Harry Chapman presented with a Chief's Coin, gift card, and certificate of appreciation.



Pictured (l-r) Captain Marlene Pardue, Glendel Greer, Harry Chapman, and Chief Serpas

100 Club Executive Committee Member Reed Trickett is presented with a \$4,000 check for the Danita Marsh fund raised in the 1st Annual Law Enforcement Talent Showcase.



Pictured (l-r) is Captain Marlene Pardue, Reed Trickett, and Chief Serpas

The Precinct News

Hermitage

Field Training Officer Robert Bandish has been named Officer of the Year by the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce for his tireless dedication and outstanding commitment to families and businesses in the Hermitage area.

From March through October 2007, Bandish, who works the midnight shift, performed 1,522 business checks, 121 community contacts, made 130 arrests, served 50 outstanding warrants, and issued 28 misdemeanor citations.

Bandish, 36, is an eleven-year Metro Police Department veteran.



Chief Ronal Serpas (left) congratulates Officer Robert Bandish.

Officer Jeremy Smith has been named Officer of the Year by the Donelson-Hermitage Evening Exchange Club for his outstanding community efforts.

From January through November 12, 2007, Smith, who works the afternoon shift, performed 479 business checks, 277 Terry Stops, 915 community contacts, made 204 arrests, served 77 outstanding warrants, and issued 111 misdemeanor citations.



Lt. Natalie Lokey (right) congratulates Officer Jeremy Smith.

A life-threatening situation was diffused by Officer Vickie Dills' alert police work.

A domestic violence suspect, who was wearing a court ordered ankle bracelet, kicked in the door of his 23-year-old girlfriend's home. He dragged her out of the residence and forced her into a car.

Officer Dills spotted the car leaving the area and initiated a traffic stop. The suspect, who has a lengthy arrest history, was charged with aggravated kidnapping, aggravated domestic assault, drug possession, aggravated burglary, felony vandalism, DUI, and driving on a revoked license. The victim was taken to a nearby hospital with facial injuries.

A pharmacist reported that a man was trying to obtain Methadone with a fraudulent prescription. Officer Andrew Injaychock arrived at the pharmacy. The suspect admitted that a nurse had given him a doctor's prescription and that they were going to meet to divide the pills between them.

He agreed to cooperate with police and met the nurse in a store parking lot. She was taken into custody and admitted she took the prescription pad from a doctor who no longer worked at her hospital. She said she is addicted to Methadone and was charged with obtaining a controlled substance by fraud.

As children played nearby, a driver traveling at a high rate of speed on Cannon Street ran a stop sign and skidded to the left. Officer Eric Knight stopped the car. Seized in a subsequent search were 22.2 grams of cocaine and \$2,492 cash. The driver was charged with cocaine possession with intent to sale and reckless driving. The suspect had 43 prior arrests and was on parole for attempted homicide.

Officers Mark Miracle and Ebony Harris were on patrol when a Terry Stop led to the discovery of items being collected to manufacture methamphetamine. Officers stopped the suspects thinking they might be breaking into cars. During the officers' investigation, they discovered materials in the vehicle used to manufacture meth. The four suspects were arrested and charged with conspiracy to manufacture meth.

South

More than three months of investigation by South Precinct detectives led to an arrest in the August 1 murder of Andrew Dalton Sanders at 2933 Harlin Drive.

William Chris Bone, 20, who lives at the home where Sanders was killed, is jailed in lieu of \$250,000 on a murder indictment returned by the Davidson County Grand Jury.

Sanders, 22, was shot to death in the driveway of 2933 Harlin Drive shortly after midnight August 1. The investigation by Detective Brad Corcoran shows that a party was taking place in the yard and that most of those in attendance were drinking. While a motive for

Sanders' murder isn't clear, witness information provided in the weeks after the shooting led to the determination that Bone was responsible.

Alert police work by South Precinct officers led to the arrest of Na Jarred Walker, 25, of Welch Road, who is charged with robbing a woman and attempting to rob a business.

Walker entered the Taco Bell at 4000 Nolensville Pike at 5:50 p.m. and demanded money from the cashier. When she refused, he hit her, and fled the restaurant without any cash.

A few minutes later, Walker approached a woman in the Wal-Mart parking lot at 4040 Nolensville Pike. He demanded her purse. When she refused, he knocked her to the ground and struck her repeatedly in the face. Walker fled on foot with the purse.

Officers Tommy Cole and Brent Bauer captured Walker a short time later hiding in a nearby creek. He was positively identified by both victims.

Walker is charged with aggravated assault, attempted robbery, and aggravated robbery. He has been arrested six times since October of last year with convictions for disorderly conduct and drug possession.

Officers Kenneth Stephens and Gerry Gann stopped a 1997 Nissan Altima for a headlight violation. As Officer Stephens approached the car he noticed a strong odor of marijuana. He collected the driver's information and as he was returning to his patrol car, saw a rifle lying on the back floor board.

All three occupants were ordered out of the car. Seized in a probable cause search were a rifle and a handgun. One passenger had a previous felony drug conviction. All three suspects were charged with unlawful weapon possession.

East

A man was behaving suspiciously behind a gas station on Dickerson Pike. When Officer Brian Theriac stopped to investigate, the suspect ran from the officer and dropped a handgun behind an ice machine. Officer Theriac quickly captured him.

The suspect was charged with possession of a handgun while under the influence, indecent exposure, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officers responded to a home where a man, armed with a shotgun, had threatened to kill himself and his mother. After officers arrived, the suspect opened the door carrying what appeared to be a shotgun and immediately slammed the door shut. He eventually surrendered, admitting he had hidden a shotgun inside the home.

Officers located the loaded shotgun and charged him with felon in possession of a firearm. He had previous convictions for aggravated burglary and felony theft.

North

Three weapons stolen from a residence in the 1500 block of 60th Avenue North were quickly recovered when officers located two juvenile suspects on 61st Avenue North near Centennial Boulevard. The 17-year-olds were taken into custody. Two handguns and a rifle were recovered.

Teamwork between an alert North Nashville citizen, Patrol Officer Byron Carter, Canine Officer Joe Shelton and police dog Memphis led to the apprehension of two burglars as they were attempting to flee a home on Underwood Street.

At 11:25 a.m., a citizen telephoned police to report that a home in the 2400 block of Underwood Street was being burglarized. Officer Carter arrived on the scene very quickly and saw the suspects run from the rear of a home. Carter ordered both of them to stop. Adrian Cheers complied with the officer's instructions. His accomplice, Norlelle Clack, did not and took off running.

Officer Shelton and Memphis were among the officers who began looking for Clack. Memphis tracked Clack to Scovel Street and apprehended him hiding underneath a car.

Cheers and Clack, both 18 are both of 26th Avenue North. Cheers is charged with aggravated burglary and theft. Clack is charged with aggravated burglary and evading arrest. Ironically, Clack was arrested for aggravated burglary on September 24 and was free on \$5,000 bond awaiting a January court appearance.

Officers focusing on businesses in the Madison area arrested three shoplifters and recovered a weapon from one of the suspect's vehicles. He was charged with illegal possession of a weapon and theft.

West

Officers Carey Adkerson and Aaron Jones stopped the driver of a Toyota Camry for improper registration. The driver told officers he did not have a license. When he was asked to step out of the car he told officers he had a handgun in his right pocket.

The driver had just been released from jail after serving time for armed robbery. He was charged with felon in possession of a handgun.

Alert police work led to the arrest of a burglary suspect. Officer Shane Shetler saw suspicious activity near a vehicle in the 3900 block of Charlotte Pike. During his investigation he saw Craftsman hand and power tools inside the vehicle. Detectives were called and the suspect admitted that he was one of three persons that took part in burglarizing a Bellevue home.

The victim responded to the scene and identified his property. The suspect's arrest history reflects convictions for theft and burglary. Already serving four years probation, the suspect was charged with aggravated burglary and cocaine possession.

Central

Officers responded to a shots fired call involving a Ford pickup. Officer Kevin Caperton spotted the suspect truck pulling out of the Monroe Street Kroger parking lot. Officer James Vivrette also joined the pursuit.

The suspects pulled over and bailed from the pickup. Two suspects were captured after a brief foot chase. Both were charged with illegal weapon possession and evading arrest.

Officer Tiffany Rhea noticed a vehicle parked on the sidewalk in front of a 2nd Avenue South night club. She ran the tag on her computer and learned it had been reported stolen.

Officer Rhea called in other units just minutes before two men exited the club and got into the car. Officers immediately took both suspects into custody without incident.

A handgun was recovered from beneath the passenger seat. The driver was charged with illegal weapon possession and theft. He has previous weapons charges.

Officers Vincent Coates and Paul Shipley stopped the driver of an SUV after he ran a stop sign. Seized in a consent search were 705 grams of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and \$2,186 cash.

Two 14-year-old boys were seen running on a pedestrian bridge over I-40 after motorists reported rocks being thrown onto their vehicles from the overpass. The bridge leads to University Court where both juveniles reside. They were arrested and charged with felony reckless endangerment and evading arrest.

Aviation Unit

The keen eyes of Metro police helicopter pilot Jake Patterson led to the arrest of two robbery suspects just a few minutes after they held up a woman on Daniel Ray Drive in the Whites Creek area.

Officer Patterson, who was flying over the area when the suspect car description went out, spotted the vehicle and began following it. The two suspects apparently saw the helicopter and began throwing things out of the car. Ground units stopped the 2005 Dodge Charger at the intersection of Wilmoth Road and Moorewood Drive. The victim came to the scene and positively identified Devan Lee Madison, 18, of Berrywood Way, as the gunman who was putting on the ski mask. Madison's passenger, Eugene Lamont Jones, 18, of Yowell Avenue, was found to be carrying the victim's cell phone. The red ski mask was among the recovered items that had been thrown from the car.

MDHA Task Force

Seized in a consent search of a residence in the 500 block of South 11th Street were three weapons, ammunition, 4.2 grams of marijuana, 10.7 grams of cocaine, drug paraphernalia, and \$1,050 cash. The suspect is charged with possession of cocaine in a drug free zone (a Class A felony) and possession of marijuana in a drug free zone (a class D felony). He is also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and theft of the .45 caliber pistol, which was stolen in Cheatham County.



Seized drugs, cash, and weapons

The following officers in the Field Operation Bureau were chosen Patrol, Police, and Investigator of the Month for October 2007:

Patrol Officer of the Month

South Precinct Officer Russell Wade

Police Officer of the Month

Central Precinct Officer Jonathan Mays

Investigator of the Month

Hermitage Precinct Detective Jason Rosalia

Blue Notes

Warrants: Captain Karl Roller

The Warrant Division of the Metro Police Department is located in the Criminal Justice Center at 200 James Robertson Parkway on the Second Avenue side in the same area as Night Court. We house approximately 36,000 active warrants and are responsible for entering, modifying, and confirming all warrants that are served in Davidson County. Presently there are thirteen sworn officers and eleven civilians assigned to the Warrants Division which is operational 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Warrants Division works closely with other departments within the state, the state's prison system, and all other agencies involved with the criminal justice system to ensure warrants are properly entered into the system and served in a timely, legal manner.

From January 1 through November 3, 2007, Warrant officers served 4,548 total warrants and made 8,502 attempts to serve warrants. Our civilian staff entered 29,178 warrants and administratively removed 8,888 warrants from the system. Additionally, our personnel have assisted other personnel with 522 Breath Alcohol Tests, completed 977 prisoner transports within the state, and completed 157 offense reports.

MNPD Wellness Tip-off Tip-off for the week

Eat Heart Smart: Think about portion sizes. When being served for your Thanksgiving feast, try using small-sized utensils to dish out the food onto your plate. When you clean your plate, wait 20 minutes before going for seconds. You may find out you are too full to feast again.

Choose to Move: Take a walk. After you've had your Thanksgiving turkey and dressing, instead of watching television or taking a nap, try going on a quick 10 minute walk. You will give a boost to your serotonin to help with the sleepiness and burn-off calories from your meal.

NFD/MNPD Wellness Initiative

For more information, please call (615)-340-0466

Congratulations:

Detective Heather Baltz, Sex Crimes, and her husband, Greg, are the proud parents of Caroline Sandra born November 15.



Condolences:

Vernon R. Johnson, brother of Wanda Norward, Data Entry, passed away November 2.

Retired Officer John E. West, stepfather of Lynda Ezzell, Safety Office, passed away November 2.

Marshall F. Baker, father of Officer Garry Baker, East Precinct, passed away November 5.

Frank Timberlake, father-in-law of Sergeant Gary Duncan, Canine Unit, passed away November 6.

Pauline Youngblood, aunt of Sergeant Terri Little, North Precinct, passed away November 7.

Shirley Louise Binkley, aunt of Bobby Lawrence, retired, Johnny Lawrence, ID, Terrie Lawrence, Communications, and Peggy Dean, Archives, passed away November 7.

Thomas Lindsay, uncle of Detective Leonard Peck, Central Precinct, passed away recently.

FYI:



Remembering Our Fallen Heroes

**Middle and East Tennessee
Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc., C.O.P.S.
Invites You to Our
Seventh Annual **Project Blue Light** Ceremony
Saturday, November 17, 2007 at 6:00 pm
Parkway Baptist Church, 505 Cunniff Pkwy, Goodlettsville, TN**

Project Blue Light is a time during the holiday season when we, Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), ask the communities, both law enforcement and citizens, to display a blue light in their holiday decorations, windows, etc. to show their support for law enforcement heroes who are daily patrolling our dangerous streets. It is also a time of honor and remembrance of those fallen heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their community.

Several years ago, Mrs. Dolly Craig, the surviving mother-in-law of Daniel Gleason, a Philadelphia (PA) police officer killed in the line of duty in 1986, sent her Christmas message to the C.O.P.S. National Office after her daughter, Pam, the surviving widow of Officer Gleason, had been killed in a car accident in August 1988, before the holiday season. Dolly wrote, "This holiday, I'm putting 2 blue lights in my living room window. One is for Dan and the other is for Pam, who believed so much in the C.O.P.S. organization." Dolly Craig is now deceased as well, but her idea is her legacy. **Project Blue Light** burns bright in the hearts of over 15,000 surviving families who comprise the C.O.P.S. organization. From a single blue porch light to entire shopping centers outlined in blue, thousands of blue lights shine nationwide during the holiday season.

Our **Project Blue Light** Ceremony is one of the many times ME-TN C.O.P.S. says, **"Thank You!"** to our law enforcement agencies, and **"We appreciate the work that you do."** So, please come, bring your family and friends, and join in our ceremony. **A Thanksgiving meal reception will follow the ceremony.** This will be our last event for the year; so come join us for the ceremony, meal, and we have something special for the kids. We look forward to seeing you.

For more information, please contact Trina Scott, President, Middle and East TN C.O.P.S., 931-801-8587. Window Blue Lights will be on sale at the reception for \$10 donation.

Annual Toy Parade

Boswell's 12th Annual Toy Parade, the backbone fundraiser for the Metropolitan Police Department's **Christmas Basket Program** benefiting needy Nashvillians, is set for Saturday, November 17th, and motorcycle enthusiasts from across Middle Tennessee are invited to take part.

Motorcycle riders will line up in Centennial Park at noon for a 1 p.m. fun ride to Boswell's Fessler's Lane store where a large outdoor cookout will await.

Nearly \$100,000 has been raised over the past three years.

Participating riders are asked to bring a new toy and make a cash donation. The money and toys will be used to support the police department's annual Christmas Basket Program, now in its 46th year, through which police officers deliver food and toys to needy Nashvillians on Christmas Eve morning. Hundreds of men, women and children comprising more than 200 underprivileged families will receive surprise gifts of food and toys this year.

All riders and brands of motorcycles are welcome to take part in the Toy Parade.

Toys Collected at Nashville Zoo

Officers and horses from the police department's Mounted Patrol will be in the parking lot of the Nashville Zoo Saturday and Sunday to greet zoo visitors and receive new, unwrapped toys for the department's annual Christmas Basket Program.

The mounted team will collect the toys from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. both days and will offer a complimentary Nashville Zoo admission ticket for each new toy donated. Zoo tickets can be used over the weekend or any other time during normal zoo hours through the end of 2007.

The Nashville Zoo is located at 3777 Nolensville Pike and is open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. The zoo's gift shop will also be accepting donated toys for the Christmas Basket Program during the month of December.



METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Christmas Basket Program Application

Recipient's Name:

Address:

Home Phone # Business Phone #

MPD Employee Making Request: Employee #:

Employee Assignment/Shift/Work #:

Would you like to deliver this basket on December 24th? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please briefly describe this families need/situation:

Is recipient receiving Christmas aid through any other agency? Yes ☐ No ☐

Has the recipient received aid from the MPD program before? Yes ☐ No ☐

CHILDREN IN THE HOME

INDICATE CHILD'S AGE AND GENDER (M/F):

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Age | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Age |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Age | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Age |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Age | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Age |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Age | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Age |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Age | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Age |

***Toys will only be purchased for children 12 and under**

Additional comments:

NOTE: PLEASE FORWARD COMPLETED CHRISTMAS BASKET APPLICATION FORMS BY ELECTRONIC MAIL OR DEPARTMENT MAIL TO COMMANDER ANDY GARRETT – CENTRAL PRECINCT

Applications are to be filled out by personnel who know a family in need. A phone number for the applicant is a must. People cannot call up and want an officer to come by and put them on the list. We **will not accept any person calling the precincts and wanting to be placed on the list. All entries will be accepted only by personnel who are familiar with the family they are submitting. Once submitted, the applications will be researched for acceptance to the program.**

Officers are urged when filling out an application to also volunteer on Christmas Eve to deliver the gifts.



Donations can be given to Glenda Taylor, Kay Holder or Rhonda Hagar. Remember us on the November 22nd and December 7th check.

You can also make a donation by filing out an automatic withdrawal card at the MPD Credit Union.

Volunteers are also needed to deliver baskets on Christmas Eve.

Thanks again for another successful year in serving our community.

Commander Andy Garrett
Chief Elf

New District Attorney's Office Web site

The District Attorney's office has created a new Web site with a Case Information section designed to update officers on case dispositions.

www.da.nashville.gov

Officers can direct victims and witnesses to the site where they will find a wide range of helpful information including directions to court, where to park, and appropriate courtroom attire. The Office News section provides information on a variety of topics including Rule 30, sentencing guidelines, and the juvenile transfer statute. MNPd personnel are encouraged to offer suggestions concerning the site by contacting the District Attorney's Director of Communications Susan Niland at susanniland@jis.nashville.gov

NOTICE OF

Benefit Board Election

January, 22, 2008

Police Employee Representative

All Police Department personnel currently enrolled in a Metro Employee Benefit Board plan are eligible to become candidates and vote.

Note: Due to the resignation of Board Member Steve Bumpus, the candidate elected will serve the remainder of the incumbent's term.

All employees interested in becoming a candidate must file a qualifying petition signed by at least twenty five eligible police employees. In order to place your name on the ballot, qualifying petitions must be received in the Department of Human Resources, 222 3rd Avenue North, 2nd Floor, by 4:30 p.m. on November 30, 2007.

For additional information about filing a petition, call: Steve Cain at 862-6640 Ext. 72267.

NOTE: In the event only one candidate qualifies to be on the ballot and is unopposed, the qualified candidate will be declared the winner.

In that event, voting will not take place.

The Election will be conducted by machine vote on January 22, 2008 from 6:30 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. Majority vote determines election winner.

Requirement to Vote:

Payroll advice slip for those who receive direct deposit dated January 22, 2008 (or paycheck stub for those who receive a check) and Active Police Department ID will be required (no exceptions).

Eligible voter will then sign eligibility roster.

Voting Locations:

- North Precinct
- South Precinct
- East Precinct
- West Precinct
- Criminal Justice Center- Headquarters
- Hermitage Precinct
- Central Precinct

 Requests for ADA accommodation should be directed to the Metro Human Resources Dept. @ 862-6640